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would mar what would be a favorable impression. Possibly the author realizes this, as in his preface he states that "Owing to the paucity of literature," he was "obliged to rely chiefly upon his personal observations." He states that attention has formerly been given to children of school age, and he is convinced that knowledge of the child's condition should be obtained and all possible amelioration by treatment be begun much earlier. One is conscious of the genuine sympathy which the writer feels for the kind of patients with which his practice brings him in contact. He finds from personal observation that the generally accepted theories of the causes of lack of mental or physical development are not correct. Those due to heredity are less numerous than is usually supposed, as nature has the tendency to eliminate defects if given any chance. To prolonged or instrumental deliveries may be ascribed at least 30 per cent of ailments. A strong argument in favor of national prohibition is shown by the statistics of prohibition and non-prohibition states. A chapter on prophylaxis is particularly good for the general reader and the entire book could well be read, if not studied, by student and graduate nurses.

MATERIA MEDICA FOR NURSES. By A. S. Blumgarten, M.D., Admitting Physician to the German Hospital; Lecturer to the Training Schools of the German Hospital and the Skin and Cancer Hospital, New York; Joint Author of *Children's Diseases for Nurses*, etc. Second edition, completely revised, with additions and new illustrations. 1916. The Macmillan Company, New York. Price, \$2.50.

The author found that, even in two brief years, the first edition of his book, reviewed in these columns in October, 1914, needed developing. Special attention has been given to the administration of medicine, a branch which he thinks most necessary, yet which has received but little attention. A large part of this section of the book was printed in the JOURNAL during 1914-15. This edition contains few more pages, but the arrangement of the subject-matter has been changed. While very complete and valuable, the book is designed for teaching and reference rather than for nurses in private practice, owing to its size and weight. In places there seems to be unnecessary repetition.

TEACHER'S GUIDE FOR MATERIA MEDICA FOR NURSES. By A. S. Blumgarten, M.D. The Macmillan Company, New York. Price, 20 cents.

As the name implies this pamphlet is to be used in connection with the author's textbook for the instruction of students. The subject is

made interesting by its methods, and the suggestions it offers are practical.

MUSCLE TRAINING IN THE TREATMENT OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS. By Wilhelmine G. Wright, Boston Normal School of Gymnastics, 1905; Chirurg-orthopaed Klinik of Professor A. Hoffa, Berlin, 1908; Assistant to Robert W. Lovett, M.D., Boston. Second edition. Boston: Ernest Gregory. 1916. Price, 25 cents.

The ten years' experience of the writer has enabled her to print the result of her work for the benefit of others, and it is especially opportune when so much attention must of necessity be given to the after-treatment of those who suffered from the recent epidemic. Each exercise is described in detail, the only point seemingly lacking being the length of time which should be devoted to each.

RAKE KNITTING AND ITS SPECIAL ADAPTATION TO INVALID WORKERS. By Susan E. Tracy, R.N., Author of *Studies in Invalid Occupation*. Whitcomb and Barrows. Boston, Mass. Price, 25 cents.

Any attempt to provide entertainment or occupation for the many patients partially incapacitated, mentally or physically, or both, always meets with approval. This addition to Miss Tracy's work in this direction sounds attractive, and being inexpensive and not difficult enough to tax the ability or mentality of those for whom the work is planned, will be most welcome.

MANUAL FOR INSTITUTION LIBRARIES. Compiled by Carrie E. Scott, Assistant State Organizer, Public Library Commission of Indiana. Assisted by The American Library Association Committee on Library Work in Hospitals and in Charitable and Correctional Institutions. American Library Association Publishing Board. Chicago. Price, 25 cents.

This little pamphlet gives a great deal of information in a very condensed manner. It tells the kind of books which should be provided for the libraries of various institutions, the approximate number of books, the amount of money which it is necessary to spend each year for the proper upkeep, and gives specific rules for classification, arrangement and cataloging. In fact, it contains just the help which those for whom it is intended may possibly need, from how to buy the books, to directions for buying the supplies for mending them.